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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a software engineer working in Silicon Valley, I depend on high-quality internet to do my job. Based on my research, I have chosen to be a customer of the independent ISP Sonic for over 5 years. I've had fiber from them for the last year, but before that I was connected to their network via DSL lines. Both then and now, the presence of unbundled infrastructure was a key part of how they were able to compete with the Internet giants.

The only other options I had were AT&T and Comcast, and I wished to support Sonic over them because of their stance on data collection and privacy. Sonic is the only ISP rated 6/6 stars by the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and have built up a stellar reputation among people knowledgeable in technology throughout Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area.

I understand that the FCC has a petition in front of it to restrict access to critical unbundled elements. I hope that you will consider the perspective of people like me who have benefited from this access.

Thank you.

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